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“Reflection”

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This past week was a time to reflect and a time to listen. Since the rollout of the U.S. strategy on Sudan, we have been charging full speed ahead to implement the strategy and achieve progress in Sudan. This past week, however, was a time for us to take a moment to reflect. I met with leading Sudan activists, operational NGOs, and representatives from the Darfuri diaspora to continue our dialog. I also wanted to hear from them about their thoughts, ideas, and concerns about Sudan and about our efforts to implement the U.S. strategy to save lives and achieve meaningful progress on the ground.

On January 20th, I met with leaders from four leading Sudan activist organizations—the Save Darfur Coalition, the Enough Project, the Genocide Intervention Network, and Humanity United. I took their questions on a variety of issues, including the April elections, voter registration, the U.S. Sudan policy and its first quarterly review, among other issues.

Then, on January 21st, I participated in a roundtable discussion with around thirty representatives of NGOs that are operational on the ground in Sudan. Also on the panel with me were Save Darfur President, Jerry Fowler, and Edward Thomas from Chatham House. The discussion centered around finding the best way forward in dealing with the myriad issues facing Sudan.

And on Tuesday, January 26, I met with a group of Darfuri diaspora representatives at the United States Institute for Peace (USIP) to listen to their ideas and to discuss the path forward in Darfur. They shared insightful comments and constructive ideas about the best way to achieve a just peace, justice, and stability for the people of Darfur.

These discussions were invaluable. The insights from those present were helpful and informative, and I will keep their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions in mind as we press forward in implementing the U.S. strategy to bring peace, stability, and prosperity to the people of Sudan. I look forward to continuing an open and fruitful dialog with all those who are passionate about bringing peace to Sudan.

Thank you for your continued interest, Scott.

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